duty has been reduced from 110 per cent to 75 per cent in the Finance Bill and the reasons for the same ;

(c) what are the names of specified pesticide Intermediates for which whole of excise duty has been from 120 per cent to 65 per cent; and

(d) what are the names of specified pesticides intermediates for which whole of excise duty has been exempted in the Finance Bill 1992-93 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Customs duty on three pesticides, namely, Aldrin, Chlordane and Heptachlor was raised from 75% to 110% in 1992-93 budget.

(b) Customs duty on 15 specified technical grade pesticides was reduced from 110 per cent to 75 per cent in 1992-93 budget. These pesticides are Triademefon, Metribuzin, Chlorpyriphos, Dinocap, Myclobutanil, Tricyclazole. Oxyfluoren, Propanil, Dodine, Ethephon, Fosotyl-Al, Phenthoate, Diflubenzuron, Pendimethalin and Bromodioline. This was done to help the agricultural sector.

(c) The customs duty (not excise duty, as appearing in the question) was reduced from 120 per cent to 65 per cent in 1992-93 budget on two specified pesticide intermediates, namely, Para Chloro Toluene for manufacture of Fenvalerate and Thio Urea for manufacture of Carbendazim.

(d) Three specified pesticide intermediates, namely, Cumene, Parachloro-N Isopropyl Aniline and Methyl Chlorofermate have been exempted from excise duty in the 1992-93 budget.

Employees on Pay Rolls of Union and State Governments

@ 1765-A. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of employees on the pay rolls of Union and State Governments, public sector, State Sector, Semi-Governments, local bodies as well as aided Institutes; and

(b) What is the total amount spent on establishments stating the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) and (b) The estimated number of Union Government Civilian Employees as on 1st March, 1992 was approximately 41.89 lakhs and the amount spent on their pay and allowances (other than travel expenses) during 1991-92 was Rs. 11469.12 crores. Data on the number of employees on the pay rolls of State Governments, public sector, State Sector, Semi-Governments local bodies and aided Institutes is not being centrally maintained.

Staff Crisis in BIFR

@@1765-B. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the staff crisis has hit the functioning of the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) forcing it to postpone the less important cases; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to end the staff crisis ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) :(a) In terms of the provisions of sub-section 2 of Section 4 of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) shall consist of a Chairman and not less than 2 and not more than 14 other Members. At present BIFR consists of one post of Chairman and 8 posts of Members, of which two posts of Members are lying vacant since January, 1992. Vacancy position of the staff (other than the Chairman and Members) employed in BIFR as on January 31, 1992 is given in the Statement. (*See* below).

@Previously Unstarred Question 1117, transferred from the 7th May, 1992.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 2041 transferred from the 14th May, 1992.

As a result of decrease in the number of Members of the BIFR, the number of Benches was reduced by the Chairman from 4 to 3 in January, 1992 leading to a decline in the number of hearings.

(b) While BIFR has already initiated necessary steps to fill up the vacant posts in categories other than Members, the Government has also initiated necessary steps to fill up the vacancies of Members.

Statement

S. No.	Post	Number of posts (other than the Chairman and Members) lying vacant in the BIFR as on 31-1-1992
1	Secretary	—
2	Director	3
3	Deputy Secretary	—
4	EDP Manager	1
5	Under Secretary	1
6	Senior Research Officer	1
7	Deputy Director	2
8	Principal Private Secretary	2
9	Bench Officer	—
10	Section Officer	—
11	Analyst Programmer	1
12	Hindi Officer	—
13	Private Secretary	1
14	Personal Assistant (Steno Grade 'C')	—
15	Assistant	1
16	Librarian	—
17	Accountant	1
18	Senior Hindi Translator	—
19	Junior Hindi Translator	—
20	Stenographer Grade 'D'	4
21	U. D. C.	—
22	L. D. C.	1
23	Staff Car Driver	1
24	Despatch Rider	—
25	Jamadar	—
26	Gestetner Operator-cum-Photocopier	—
27	Daftary	—
28	Peon	1
29	Frash	1
30	Sweeper	1
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Bhajarang Jute Mill of Guntur

@ 1765-C. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the case of Bhajarang Jute Mill of Guntur has been referred to B.I.F.R.;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and since how long case is pending there; and

(c) what steps have been taken to avoid delay in settling the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent permissible.

Re-employment of Retired Officers

@@ 1765-D. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given permission for re-employment of retired Government as well of Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) officials in the Industrial Finance Corporation of India sponsored subsidiaries/companies/Institutes and other joint ventures;

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) whether this will affect adversely the career prospects of those, who are in the ladder of promotion and those who are unemployed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) One retired Government Official was engaged on a contract basis from February, 1989 to November 1991 by the Tourism Finance Corporation of India Ltd. (TFCI), which is an independent non-Government company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956. He was given permission by the Government to join TFCI.

@ Previously Unstarred Question 2072, transferred from the 14th May, 1992.

@@ Previously Unstarred question 2090, transferred from the 14th May, 1992.